

Awards of Distinction

The American College of Prosthodontists through its awards program formally recognizes individuals whose contributions to the specialty or to the College are outstanding and substantial, and satisfy the approved criteria for each specific award.

I. Purposes of Awards

The purposes of the College awards shall be to:

- Recognize the most outstanding contributions of individuals within particular categories representing the specialty or the College as a whole, or representing specific areas in or related to practice, education, research, or to the literature in prosthodontics.
- Serve as an incentive for the College's members in their achievement of outstanding and substantial contributions to the specialty or to the College.
- Provide national attention and recognition for the contributions of the recipients and serve to enhance the reputation and public awareness of the entire specialty. For individual members so recognized, the College awards represent the highest level of peer recognition.
- Enhance the esteem of the American College of Prosthodontists.

II. Eligibility Requirements for College Awards

During their respective term of service, the chair of the Nominating Committee, members of the Nominating Committee and members of the Board of Directors shall be excluded from eligibility for all awards.

Membership in the College is required for the following awards:

- Educator of the Year Award
- Dan Gordon Award
- Clinician/Researcher Award

- Major General Bill B. Lefler Federal Services Award
- Private Practice Prosthodontist Award(s)

Membership is preferred for the following awards:

- Distinguished Lecturer Award
- Distinguished Service Award
- Dental Technician Leadership Award
- President's Award

The awards of the College are given according to the approved criteria and consideration to an individual's qualifications. These awards may or may not be given annually. Only one person per year may be selected for each award. Sponsorship for awardee dinner ticket will be sought for the Annual Awards and President's Dinner.

III. Nomination Procedures

Members

Any member of the College may submit a letter of nomination for the following awards:

- Distinguished Service Award
- Dan Gordon Award
- Dental Technician Leadership Award
- Private Practice Prosthodontist Award(s)*

A brief biosketch and high-resolution color photo should accompany the letter of nomination. The nominations for these awards will be reviewed by the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee will make the final selection. The deadline for nominations for the ACP Awards of Distinction will be announced in the annual Call for Nominations document.

*The Private Practice Prosthodontist Award is awarded regionally. Please see the specific requirements and nomination procedure in Section V-8.

Directors and Committee Chairs

Division Directors, Regional Directors, and Committee Chairs should submit their selection(s) for these awards according to the award criteria:

- Distinguished Lecturer Award

- Educator of the Year Award
- Clinician/Researcher Award
- Major General Bill B. Lefler Federal Services Award

A brief biosketch and high-resolution color photo should accompany the nomination.

The winners of these awards will be recognized at the Annual Session and are strongly encouraged to attend.

IV. Selection Process

The Nominating Committee will meet by conference call(s) to review nominees and determine the awardees that meet the specific award criteria.

V. ACP Awards of Distinction

1. DISTINGUISHED LECTURER AWARD

Purpose

The American College of Prosthodontists awards the ACP Distinguished Lecturer Award to individuals whose research represents a significant contribution to the literature, teaching, or clinical applications of the College and/or specialty of prosthodontics, dentistry, science, and health professions.

Criteria and requirements

- Essay during scientific program.
- Individuals (ACP members, non-member dentists, or non-dentists) contributing to welfare and advancement of the College or prosthodontics; outstanding contributions to dentistry with emphasis in prosthodontics; outstanding service to the College; contributions to the sciences or health professions contributions.
- High quality of original research representing a major contribution to prosthodontics; or significant contributions to the literature; teaching; clinical applications.
- Must possess a DDS, DMD, MD, PhD, or equivalent degree.
- Must not have received this award previously.
- One or no award.

Selected by

- Annual Session Committee.
- Guidance from the Annual Session chair.

- Secretary and Education & Research Division Director – follow-up in presentation year.
- Approval of Board of Directors at June meeting during the year of presentation.

Presentation

- Annual Awards & Presidents Dinner during Annual Session.
- Brief remarks from President as appropriate for the individual.

Award

- Travel and lodging for awardee funded by the ACP Annual Session speaker budget.
- Plaque for awardee funded by the ACP Education Foundation.

2. DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Purpose

The American College of Prosthodontists awards the ACP Distinguished Service Award to individuals who have made significant contributions to the welfare and advancement of the College and/or specialty of prosthodontics, dentistry, science, and health professions.

Criteria and requirements

- Individuals (dentist or non-dentist) contributing to welfare and advancement of the College or prosthodontics; outstanding contributions to dentistry; outstanding service to the College; contributions to the sciences or health professions; humanitarian contributions.
- Particularly consider non-dentists, who may be overlooked in the mainstream of traditional awards.
- Must not have received this award previously.
- One or no award.

Selected by

- Nominating Committee.
- College members are encouraged to submit nominations.
- Approval of Board of Directors at June meeting during the year of presentation.

Presentation

- Annual Awards & President's Dinner during Annual Session.
- Brief remarks from the President as appropriate for the individual.

Award

- If non-member, travel and lodging for awardee.
- Plaque funded by ACP

3. EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Purpose

The American College of Prosthodontists awards the ACP Educator of the Year Award to dental educators for outstanding contributions to the welfare and advancement of the College and/or specialty of prosthodontics, overall achievement to academic dentistry and contributions to the sciences and health professions.

Criteria and requirements

- Individuals (ACP members) contributing to welfare and advancement of the College or prosthodontics; outstanding overall achievement to academic dentistry; contributions to the sciences or health profession.
- Recognized for exceptional skills as a dental educator.
- Must not have received this award previously.
- One or no award.

Selected by

- Education and Research Division.
- Approval of Board of Directors at June meeting during the year of presentation.

Presentation

- Annual Awards & President's Dinner during Annual Session.
- Brief remarks from the President appropriate for the individual.

Award

- Plaque funded by ACP

4. DAN GORDON AWARD

Purpose

The American College of Prosthodontists awards the ACP Dan Gordon Award for lifetime achievement that recognizes individuals who have contributed at the highest level to the welfare and advancement of the College and/or specialty of prosthodontics, dentistry, science, and health professions. In honor of Dr. Daniel F. Gordon, ACP President from 1977-78.

Criteria and requirements

- An award recognizing lifetime achievement.
- Individuals (ACP members) contributing at the highest level to the welfare and advancement of the College or prosthodontics; outstanding contributions to dentistry; outstanding service to the College; contributions to the sciences or health professions.
- Must not have received this award previously.
- One or no award.

Selected by

- Nominating Committee.
- College members are encouraged to submit nominations.
- Approval of Board of Directors at June meeting during the year of presentation.

Presentation

- Annual Awards & President's Dinner during Annual Session.
- Brief remarks from the President appropriate for the individual.

Award

- Plaque funded by ACP

5. CLINICIAN/RESEARCHER AWARD

Purpose

The American College of Prosthodontists awards the ACP Clinician/Researcher Award to individuals for outstanding contributions to the welfare and advancement of the College and/or specialty of prosthodontics, outstanding contributions to academic dentistry and contributions to the sciences or health professions.

Criteria and requirements

- Individuals (ACP members) contributing to welfare and advancement of the College or prosthodontics; outstanding contributions to academic dentistry; contributions to the sciences or health professions.
- Must not have received this award previously.
- One or no award.

Selected by

- Education and Research Division.
- Nominating Committee.
- Approval of Board of Directors at June meeting during the year of presentation.

Presentation

- Annual Awards & Presidents Dinner during Annual Session.
- Brief remarks from the President appropriate for the individual.

Award

- Plaque funded by ACP

6. MAJOR GENERAL (RETIRED) BILL B. LEFLER FEDERAL SERVICES AWARD

Purpose

The American College of Prosthodontists awards the ACP Major General (Retired) Bill B. Lefler Federal Services Award to individuals for excellence in the areas of leadership, patient care, mentorship, and service to community.

Criteria and requirements

- Must be a prosthodontist who is a member of the American College of Prosthodontists (ACP).
- Must have made significant and ongoing contributions to the American College of Prosthodontists.
- Must be an active or retired member of the Public Health Service, United States Air Force, United States Army, United States Navy, or Veterans Administration.
- Nominated individuals should exhibit excellence in the areas of leadership, patient care, mentorship, and service to the community.

- Must not have received this award previously.
- One or no award.

Selected by

- Nominations submitted to Nominating Committee by the Federal Services Region of the ACP.
- Approval of Board of Directors at June meeting during the year of presentation.

Presentation

- Annual Awards & President's Dinner during Annual Session.
- Brief remarks as appropriate for the individual.

Award

- Plaque funded by ACP

7. DENTAL TECHNICIAN LEADERSHIP AWARD

Purpose

The American College of Prosthodontists awards the ACP Dental Technician Leadership Award to individuals who have demonstrated outstanding service to the prosthodontic community and in furtherance of the mission of the ACP.

Criteria and requirements

- Dental laboratory technicians who have made outstanding contributions to the dental laboratory profession and the discipline of prosthodontics.
- Recognized as exceptionally skilled in dental laboratory techniques.
- Must not have received this award previously.
- One or no award.

Selected by

- Nominating Committee.
- Nominations submitted to Nominating Committee by the Dental Technician Alliance Committee of the ACP.
- College members are encouraged to submit nominations.
- Approval of Board of Directors at June meeting during the year of presentation.

Presentation

- Annual Awards & Presidents Dinner during Annual Session.
- Brief remarks as appropriate for the individual.

Award

- Plaque funded by ACP

8. ACP PRIVATE PRACTICE PROSTHODONTIST AWARDS

Purpose

The Award may be given annually to up to 5 individual private practice prosthodontists (one per ACP United States Region) who have made outstanding contributions to the advancement of the specialty of prosthodontics, (advancing) prosthodontic practice, (or) the public's understanding of the role that the prosthodontist in private practice plays in advancing the (patient's) quality of life; as well as exemplifying collegiality and cross discipline outreach, and/or exemplary community service. The award is a lifetime award and an individual may receive it only once.

Criteria and requirements

- ACP prosthodontist members who are currently in primarily full time traditional private practice (solo or group), excluding institutional and multisite corporate practices.
- Members from the 5 US ACP Regions, excluding military and international ACP Regions.
- Must not have received this award previously.

Nominations Process

- Individuals may be nominated by others; a nomination form will be available online at the ACP website. See Attachment A.
- The completed nomination form must be submitted directly to the appropriate Regional Membership Director.
- Every nomination must be accompanied by 3 letters of recommendation from the nominating region including one prosthodontist ACP member peer, one referring dentist, and one community/dental organization/leader, lab technician or patient.

Selection

- Each US ACP Regional Membership Director will convene a call of the Section Presidents to review and select the nominees.
- Once selected, each Regional Director will submit their award candidate(s) to the ACP Nominating Committee for approval.
- The Nominating Committee will submit the slate of awardees to the ACP Board of Directors for confirmation in June.

Presentation

- Annual Awards and President’s Dinner during Annual Session.
- Brief remarks from President as appropriate for the individuals.

Award

- Plaque funded by the ACP

Caveat

The intention of ACP’s Private Practice Prosthodontist award is to honor a person, not a practice. Thus, future reference to this award in promotional material, PR campaigns, press releases, in traditional and social media, on the website, in ads, biosketches, and other instances must align to this intent. Misrepresentation of what this award signifies risks revocation of this award by the ACP.

Submit documentation to the appropriate 2018 Regional Membership Director:

Region	Name	Email
Region 1 Northeast	Dr. Steven Morgano	smm519@sdm.rutgers.edu
Region 2 Eastern	Dr. Paivi Samant	psamantdds@gmail.com
Region 3 Central	Dr. John Ball	jdbvadds@aol.com
Region 4 Rockies/Plains	Dr. Todd Pickle	btp@pickledental.com
Region 5 Pacific	Dr. Robert Stover	rstoverdds@yahoo.com

Date:

The name of the following individual is submitted to the ACP Regional Membership Director for consideration for the ACP Private Practice Prosthodontist Award.

Nominee Information

Full Name: _____
Last First M.I.

Address: _____
Street Address Apartment/Unit #

City State ZIP Code

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Submitted By

Full Name: _____
Last First M.I.

Address: _____
Street Address Apartment/Unit #

City State ZIP Code

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Recommendations

Please list three recommendations and submit their letters for the nominee with this form.

Full Name: _____

Email: _____

Full Name: _____

Email: _____

Full Name: _____

Email: _____